से जानना चाहेंगे कि अगर इसी तरह से इनका काम चलता रहेगा तो आम उपभोक्ता का क्या होगा? इसीलिए मंत्री जी बताएं कि नगेन्द्र नाथ ओझा जो सांसद् हैं उनकी कंस्टीटूएंसी जो गांव में है, विलेज में है, 8-9 महीना हो गया है अभी तक फोन नहीं लगा है?

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श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा: माननीय सभापति महोदय, इसको हम विशेष रूप से दिखवा लेंगे और हमारा प्रयास होगा कि यह शिकायत जल्दी दूर हो जाए।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Demand for Releasing further Cotton Quota for Export

*384. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAIPATEL:
SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAIPATEL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the cotton producing states for releasing further cotton quota for export in order to ensure reasonable price to the farmers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the meeting of the Cotton Advisor Board held in November, 1996 to review the supply and demand position in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) to what extent quota of cotton for export from Gujarat has further enhanced for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) Demands are received from various cotton producing States, from time to time, for release of quota of cotton for export.

No meeting of the Cotton Advisory Board was held in November, 1996.

During the 1996-97 season, the Gujarat State Cooperative Cotton Federation Ltd. has been allotted an export quota of 50,000 bales of cotton on 7-10-96. Further allocation would be considered after taking into account all relevant factors, including estimates of production, domestic demand and likely surplus.

Tax evasion in sale of Cielo cars

*387. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report about a Rs. 25 crore tax evasion in sale of Cielo cars;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the responsibility has been fixed in the matter; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Sales Tax Department in this regard and the latest position?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is a prima facie suspicion that the company has resorted to sales tax evasion but no definite conclusions have yet been reached.

Naga Insurgency

*388. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forced by the Centre's neglect of Nagaland since Independence, the Naga insurgents have taken recourse to armed struggle against it and at present the State is virtually under their control;

(b) whether it is f fact that policemen are paying 25 per cent of their salary to insurgents; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to remove the genuine grievances of the Naga insurgents and to bring them into the mainstream?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There are no confirmed reports suggesting that policemen are paying 25 per cent of their salary to insurgents.

(c) In order to meet the genuine aspirations of the Naga people, negotiations were held with Naga leaders and as a result of the accord, the Central Government had enacted the State of Nagaland Act, 1962 creating a separate State of Nagaland. In view of the poor resource base of the state, it has been given the status of a Special Category State for the purpose of receiving Central Plan Assistance. Most of its Non-Plan expenditure also continues to be met by the Central Government. The Plan outlay has increased from Rs. 7.15 crores during the third Plan (1961-66) to Rs. 844 crores for the Eighth Plan (1992-97). The Annual Plan allocation for 1996-97 has been approved at Rs. 290 crores. In addition, the North-Eastern Council (NEC), which was set-up in 1971, has also taken-up several development projects/schemes in Nagaland. The North East Zonal Cultural Centre (NEZCC) is located at Dimapur. A separate University of Nagaland has also been established in 1995. The Prime Minister after his recent visit to the North Eastern States has also announced several new intiatives including specific development projects in Nagaland, and an offer to meet the insurgent leaders to hear their point of view.

Protection walls for coastal land

*389. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme for construction of protection walls for the coastal land is under implementation; if so, the amount spent thereon during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent in Kerala; and

(c) whether there is any proposal pending with Government submitted by the Kerala Government for construction of protection walls for coastal land in the State?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Schemes for construction of protection walls for the coastal land are planned and implemented by respective State Governments. As per information made available by the States, the expenditure for the last three years as follows: